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The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it. (Chinese proverb)

"The Road to Spring Grove Cemetery"

Dedication of the restoration of the Clerc Family Headstones

by Tony Allicino

[Editor's note: This article appeared in the Laurent Clerc Dedication ceremony program. In 1992, author Tony Allicino and the late Alan R. Barwiolek discovered the neglect and disrepair of the Clerc family headstones and spearheaded the NAD's efforts to honor this extraordinary man. On the local level, the late Bill Coffey of ISD was involved from early in the project, even submitting a design for the markers.

I would also like to point out that the committee still needs money to engrave selected Clerc quotes on the headstones. If you would like to donate toward this, the last step in honoring this eminent figure in Deaf history, send contributions payable to the NAD, to the Laurent Clerc Headstone Restoration Committee, PO Box 271673, W. Hartford, CT 06127-0637]

On April 17, 1998, the new Laurent Clerc and Eliza Boardman Clerc headstones will be unveiled. For Alan R. Barwiolek, my companion until his death in 1996, and founder of the National Association of the Deaf's Laurent Clerc Headstone Restoration Committee, this day will symbolize his life, its mission and work as a member of America's Deaf community. For me it will be the culmination of a six year journey whose events I remember as if they happened yesterday.

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Spring Grove (from p. 1)

It was late one evening back in April of 1992 when Alan returned home to New York City after a long, tiring, and exhilarating day trip to the 175th Anniversary Celebration of the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, CT. It was also a day filled with conflicting emotions. He felt a great sense of history and pride participating in this event and, at the same time, was bothered with a tremendous disappointment that would become the catalyst for positive action that now brings us together this day.

In keeping with the spirit of the celebration, Alan wished to pay his respects to the two men credited with the founding of the American School for the Deaf, the Rev. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, a native of Hartford, and Laurent Clerc, a deaf Frenchman who permanently left his homeland in 1817 and settled in America. Alan's disappointment that day arose with the realization that he could easily find the Gallaudet family plot, quite magnificent, in Cedar Hill Cemetery, but was not able to locate the Clerc family plot, modest in comparison, in Spring Grove Cemetery. He searched long and hard and couldn't find it. For Alan, a man born deaf to deaf parents, this represented how oftentimes deaf people have been traditionally overlooked and marginalized.

That Alan was unable to find the Clerc grave, which for him had become synonymous with America's Deaf community, was unacceptable. And the experience was in sharp contrast to the one he had one year earlier in France. In May of 1991, during his second visit to Paris as a performing artist with CHALB Productions, he took a day trip to LaBalme, a small town near Lyon, to visit Laurent Clerc's birthplace. There he easily found the house in which Clerc was born because it was clearly, properly, and respectfully marked with a commemorative plaque. To Alan, that was exactly how it should be for such an important person and place in Deaf History.

Was it too much to expect the same respect shown to Clerc's final resting place as was shown in the town he was born?

Memories of this positive experience in LaBalme fueled Alan's frustration in finding Clerc's grave site in Hartford. He was haunted by the questions: Why was it so difficult to find the grave of the man who created the educational system for the Deaf in America and who was so instrumental in shaping American Sign Language? Was it too much to expect the same respect shown to Clerc's final resting place as was shown in the town he was born?

As destiny would have it, in June of 1992, two months after his failed search in Spring Grove Alan and I had the opportunity to stop in Hartford while en route to visit friends in Massachusetts. Our sole purpose for being there was to join forces in locating Clerc's grave. Alan directed me to look in the area he had covered the previous April while he explored new ground. It was not long after we went on our separate searches that I saw his arm waving and heard his enthusiastic cry "I found it!"

Upon seeing Laurent and Eliza Clerc's headstones, Alan's heart sank. We knew immediately why finding them had been so difficult. They had been knocked off of their bases and now stood propped up against them, slowly sinking into the ground obscuring names and lettering. Time and weather had also taken their tolls on the stoves, fading what once was legible. They had been neglected and forgotten. With this realization on this June day, the spark of April's indignation became the flame of a passion to correct a wrong. And, Alan knew that it was his destiny to do all that he could to help move Clerc out from behind the shadow of Gallaudet and bring honor and recognition to this humble, noble man whose life and work had the greatest, most profound and lasting effect on every American who was Deaf. Alan was determined to restore honor and dignity befitting Clerc's final resting place.

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Spring Grove (from p. 2)

A few weeks later during the NAD Convention in Denver, CO, on July 2, 1992 at 9:10 a.m., Alan wrote a resolution requesting that the NAD "take responsibility" for the restoration of Laurent Clerc and his family grave sites. His resolution, Bill #108, came to the General Assembly floor for a vote at 9:45 a.m. and was unanimously passed. Now there was work to be done.

The NAD created a committee and Alan was named chairperson. He recruited members for his committee and began a plan of action. Requests for restoration proposals were sent to the Deaf community around the country. Beij, Williams and Tito Memorials, of Hartford, CT, specialists in memorial restoration since 1873, were chosen for the project. At the 1994 NAD Convention in Knoxville, TN, Alan formally asked the NAD Executive Board for their support. The restoration project's budget was approved. Under the auspices of the NAD, a national fund-raising campaign was launched and, during the course of four years, the funds necessary to implement the resolution were raised with donations pledged primarily from many individual contributors.

Upon Alan's death in April 1996, Sue Pedersen, a member of the national committee who worked closely with him, and a resident of West Hartford, was named the committee's new chairperson to carry the project forward. The committee was expanded to include residents from the Hartford area who would organize the Unveiling Ceremony scheduled for late June, 1997. As fate would have it, the 1997 unveiling had to be canceled due to a delay in the completion of the new headstones. A new date had to be set.

When Sue told me the new date for the unveiling, chills washed over me and I smiled. For Alan's dream, the project that was nurtured by his passionate commitment in both good and ill health, would become a reality just as destiny would have it be on the second anniversary of his death - April 17, 1998.

And so, as we stand in Spring Grove Cemetery this April 17th to honor Laurent Clerc and his wife, Eliza, with the unveiling of these new headstones, we should remember the many journeys undertaken to arrive at this moment. And, of what can be accomplished when we follow our hearts and destiny, doing what we truly believe: whether it be sailing to America to help start a school for the Deaf or turning a disappointing incident into a living monument of a community's pride. While on this day we honor a great native Frenchman and adopted American, Laurent Clerc, we will also be honoring the unbroken line of every person, Deaf and Hearing, American or French, who reaped the benefit of his enterprising work in the fields of education and language. No, we will not be standing alone in Spring Grove Cemetery on April 17th. Our numbers will be multiplied by the hundred of thousands, for we will be surrounded by the hopes and dreams of each and every cultural ancestor to the Deaf community that has come before us and guided us to this place. And, this line, this great moment in the history of the Deaf community, will be carried forward by us to guide the way for all the hopes and dreams yet to be realized.

Tony Allicino
March 21, 1998

Notice: Emergency phone numbers

by Mary Rice

In case of vehicle break down, please call the Physical Plant Dept. at (317) 924-8405 during normal business hours (Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.). Also, remember to please call your appropriate department and advise them of your situation.

* Gas Credit Cards can be signed out from the Powerhouse for any/all trips.

* It's your responsibility to obtain cellular phones from your assigned department to use during trips (car, van, and bus).

Library update

By Linda Canty, Librarian

National Library Week was observed the week of April 19-25. The elementary students were invited to visit the library with Linda Canty and to learn how the library cards are made and used to check out books. They were thrilled to see their records on the computer. They all received a bookmark and some candy. The middle school students got a bookmark and candy during their regular library periods after a brief observance of NLW. The high school students were issued such after lunch in the cafeteria. The preschool students were given dinosaur erasers and stickers in addition to the bookmarks and candy.

For your information, the library applied and received the grants from the following sources this year:

1. $4,000.00 from the Indianapolis Foundation to purchase books to support the high school social studies curriculum. Most of the books have been ordered and received.

2. $12.500.00 from INCOLSA (Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority) to purchase two PC computers and to pay I-MCPL for processing and cataloging books and other materials. The two PC computers have just arrived and yet to be set up.

3. $1,888.00 from DOE to purchase books for pleasure reading for students from kindergarten through grade 8. Orders for the books were recently sent and the books should be arriving in a few weeks.

4. $1,800.00 was awarded from the State Library to support family literacy for the new students and their parents. Videotapes for lending to the families to use with their children at home will be ordered in July.

5. A check for $2,000.00 matching funds was recently awarded from the Indianapolis Foundation with a commitment from ISD to contribute $2,000.00 from the Captioned Films of the Deaf account. These monies will be used to purchase materials to support the high school social studies curriculum.

6. Last but not least, close to $100,000.00 by the Indianapolis Foundation for library automation, computer workstations for the students and librarian, circulation and patron maintenance training and other services provided by the I-MCPL staff.

PTCO raffle tickets

by Bob Canty

Don't forget to send the PTCO Day raffle tickets with money to Bob Canty through campus mail by Friday, noon. You can also bring them to Caskey Activity Building on Sunday, May 3rd. Let's pray for good weather!

Deaf-Blind facilitator needed

by Kathleen Robertson

We are searching for someone to assist a student at the Indiana School for the Blind in achieving her individualized goals and objectives. Work would focus on enhancing her ASL and written English skills and her independent livin skills. The time commitment would (preferably) be for the duration of this school year and during the 1998-99 school year.

We need someone who not only possesses excellent ASL skills, but who can also enhance someone else's skills while teaching skills and concepts. The person would need to be flexible with regard to schedule and hours, and must be willing to transport the student as needed. The facilitator must be able to work independently. Very good attendance will be expected.

If you (or someone you know) can fill the needs above, please contact Kathleen Robertson (317) 920-6282 or Catherine Rahn (317)920-6281.

PATINS workshop report

By Linda Charlebois

THE PATINS (PARTNERSHIP for Assistive Technology in Indiana Schools) workshop held at ISD on Wednesday, April 22, 1998, was quite a success!

More than 50 people from throughout central Indiana participated in the workshop.

ISD presenters were Judy Cass, Cindy Lawrence, David Geeslin, Mike Jackson, Julie Buck, Debbie Liebrich, Mal Peters, and Carolyn Pimentel.

The focus was on assistive devices but language and access to information was an important part of the presentations.

Other members of Outreach provided assistance, leg-work, tours, and general can't-do-ithout-it support.

Housekeeping, security, and cafeteria staff also outdid themselves in providing services to make the day go smoothly.

In addition to the presentations, various assistive devices (e.g. vibrating alarm clock, flashing doorbell, baby cry alert, etc.) were displayed in the assessment center.

The workshop was so good we have been asked to do it again for the other four PATINS regional areas!

Computers for the Classrooms

by Dan Stutler

SEVENTY (70) COMPUTERS HAVE ARRIVED. THESE WILL BE SHARED BY the Elementary, Middle School, High School and LRC departments. See your department's technology coordinator to request one for your classroom.

Another sixty-six (66) computers will arrive before the end of school. This will allow each classroom to have at least one beginning in the fall. The Technology Committee will be purchasing or leasing more computers after July 1. We predict that most classrooms will have two (2) computers when they arrive in September. If the Committee is able to lease computers, the number per classroom will increase.

If you have questions, please contact your department's technology coordinator or one of the other committee members.

Technology Coordinators

Angie Smith, Preschool
Mike Jackson, Elementary
Rita Mowl, Middle School
Elen Zook, High School
Robert Wilson, LRC
Kara Knebel, Student Life
Cindy Lawrence, Outreach
Lisa Mitchell, Operations
Bruce Peters
Bob Canty
Linda Canty
Dan Stutler

Closing of the Main Library

by Linda Canty, Librarian

THE MAIN LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED IN A FEW WEEKS FOR REPAIRS TO THE floor. Books are now being packed and boxed up. They will be moved to several rooms for storage. Furniture and shelving will be moved to the halls. Teachers have been asked to check out books and other materials to be kept in their classrooms until school closes. Computers, reference materials and new books will not be boxed up until the last day before work begins in the library so that students can have the opportunity to finish their research assignments.

More information about the closing of the library will be published in a later *Campus Bulletin.*

Camp Willard offers deaf camping experience

by Debbie Fetzer

The Indiana School for the Deaf will offer two summer camp sessions for hard-of-hearing and Deaf children grades 3-12. The Traditional Camp for 3rd-12th graders runs from June 1-26 and the Outdoor Challenge for 7th-12th graders goes from June 28 to July 5.

Now in its third year, Camp Willard is staffed by both ISD employees and Bradford Woods counselors. The ISD employees bring experience in education, American Sign Language (ASL), Deaf culture and student leadership, while the Bradford Woods counselors bring training and expertise in the wide variety of outdoor activities offered at Camp Willard. Together they promote and model a bicultural and bilingual experience.

For more information call Debbie Fetzer (317) 924-8403 or Relay (800) 743-3333.

Grab your towels!

by George Stailey

After extensive work on the ISD swimming pool, the planned date for opening is May 1. Thanks to the hard work of John Rahn and his staff - we appreciate their efforts.

Summer in the City:

Workshops for teachers

submitted by Linda Charlebois

In response to teachers' requests, the Eiteljorg will present two accredited workshops for teachers this summer through the School of Education at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI). Participants can earn 15 contact hours or one credit hour at each workshop.

The workshops are planned around two of the museum's temporary Native American exhibitions. The first course, scheduled for June 17-19, complements *Powerful Images: Portrayals of Native America*, an exhibition that teaches about the images created by and about Native Americans. Although the object from the exhibition won't be here for the workshop, teachers will work with similar materials. Participants also will get tips on how to work with the Eiteljorg to customize to their students' needs.

The second workshop, back by popular demand and scheduled for July 22-24, complements the museum's exhibit on Indiana's indigenous people. "In Their Footsteps - Exploring the Exhibition *In the Presence of the Past: The Miami Indians of Indiana*" takes an in-depth look at the Miami and allows teachers to meet Miami people and ethnohistorians, as well as to sample traditional lifeways. Teachers receive a useful packet of materials to enrich their social studies and Native American curricula.

If you are interested, please call the museum's education department at 317/636-9378.

Summer economics workshops for credit

by Mary Alice Moon

During the summer of 1998 there will be many economic education workshops for elementary and secondary teachers. These workshops will feature sessions in which local business, labor, and agricultural leaders will serve as respondents and/or speakers. Teachers attending will receive graduate credit in economics or education from the sponsoring universities. In most instances, full tuition scholarships will be provided to cover credit fees. Certain additional university registration fees and materials fee to cover cost of books and handouts may be charged at most of the workshops. See the Staff Development Bulletin Board for a complete listing of workshops.

Mother seeks summer babysitter

by Jim Frenchik

THE MOTHER OF A PRESENT kindergartner has contacted the *Campus Bulletin* staff to help in finding a full-time babysitter for the summer. Although she prefers a deaf sitter to help maintain the boy's communication skills, she would also consider a hearing person who can sign.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please call Ms. Dabney at 897-1722 to discuss details of hours and payment.

Folders "R" Us?

by Jerry Cooper, Printer

IF YOU DREAD FOLDING 100 OR MORE LETTERS FOR MAILING, JUST STOP BY the Print Shop. Jerry Cooper will be there to help you. Of course, he won't fold them manually, and neither will you! He will feed your letters through a new tabletop folder. Presto! Your work is done.

A new Duplo Folder has been purchased for the Print Shop. You can do it yourself. Simply place your documents into the feeder and press the fold button on the control panel. That's it. Your documents are neatly folded, stacked, and ready to go in just seconds. Jerry will be in the print shop from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to assist you.

The Duplo Folder handles most papers from 11"x17" to 5"x7" and paper stock from 14 to 50 lbs. It offers standard old styles - single fold, double fold, irregular accordion fold, brochure fold - and special cross fold. It is easy to operate with variable speed and a programmable folder.

G-29 will close

by Valerie Ghoston

BECAUSE OF THE MAIN library renovation, G-29 will not be available as of Monday, May 4, until further notice. Please contact Bob Canty at 920-6314 if you want to schedule the Vocational Conference Room for your meeting site. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Hazards of body piercing

by Peggy Noe, RN

The New Lexicon Webster's Dictionary gives the definition of a fad as "a short-lived fashion or craze." A fad that is making its rounds is the procedure of "body piercing." While a fad may be short-lived, the end result of this procedure may be for a lifetime. Consider for a moment some of the consequences of this decision. There are many health risks involved. Infection, Hepatitis B, C, D, and G HIV, AIDS, and sexually transmitted diseases are some to consider. When the tongue is pierced there are other dangerous complications that may occur. Hemorrhaging, aspiration or swallowing of the jewelry and tooth damage could happen. Before the decision is made to participate in piercing, take time to think if you really want to endure the pain it involves and the scars it leaves when the "fad" is over.

Mentors Needed: June 23 - August 5, 1998

by Dan Stutler

Ten (10) students will be hired to work at ISD this summer through the Summer Work Program. Mentors are needed to work with these students as models and team leaders. Each student will have a full-time staff member assigned as his or her mentor. The students will assist you with your job responsibilities. A staff member from LRC will help you supervise the student and take care of payroll records and any disciplinary action if needed. If you are interested in a student assisting you this summer, please contact Dan Stutler in LRC x 419 for more information.

This is it ... almost

by Jim Frenchik, KC Editor

This, *Campus Bulletin* Issue # 17, is the penultimate (next to last) issue for the 1997-98 school year. If you would like to include anything in the "ultimate" (last) issue on May 15th, please send it to Jim Frenchik in the Learning Resource Center by Tuesday, May 12. His phone number is 317.924.8414, and his e-mail address is jfrenchik@isfd.state.in.us.

Look Who Has Attended Workshops in the Last Two Weeks:

by Mary Alice Moon

Situational Leadership
Rose Amolsch

Beginning HTML
Bruce Peters

ADHD in Children
Jill Lestina
Marsha Wetzel

Boothsmanship
Donna Stutler

Indiana Speech and Language Convention
Debra Liebrich
Linda Charlebois

Performance Appraisals
Deb Robarge

Normal Eating -What Children Can Teach Us about Adults
Loretta Hammel
Dan Stutler

Our Campus Police

by Greg Wright

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THE ISD Campus Police who work from 3:00 PM - 11:00 PM.

Ann Woods started working for the ISD Campus Police Department on February 21, 1983. Ann moved here from Elkhart, Indiana. Ann graduated the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in April, 1981, while employed by the Elkhart Police Department.

Jeff Hayden: I was born and raised and still reside in Plainfield, Indiana. I am engaged to be married and have no kids. I started working for the ISD campus police in 1996. During my employment I have attended the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for 12 weeks of training. The State of Indiana has employed me since 1994. I transferred to ISD from the Indiana Department of Corrections Reception Diagnostic Center where I started as a Correctional officer. During my employment at the Department of Corrections I was responsible for training staff in the use of firearms, chemical weapons, and impact weapons. I was a member of the special response team and a trainer for the special response team. In 1997, I became a police officer for the town of Homecroft.

David Stalcup: I grew up in Southern Indiana. I started my career in law enforcement as a security officer at Central State Hospital in 1985. I transferred to the Department of Correction, Indiana Women's Prison, as an officer in 1992. I attained the rank of sergeant in 1992 while at the Women's Prison. I attended Firearms Instructor school in 1992 and 1996. I attended Basic Supervisor Training in 1993. I was promoted to training officer in 1997. I served as an Emergency Squad member for 5 years, serving 2 of the 5 years as team leader. I taught basic First Aid/CPR for five years, and was Trip Officer Trainer for 3 years. I served as a reserve officer for the town of Clermont for 9 years and I am currently a reserve officer for the town of Speedway. I completed the Speedway reserve academy in February of 1997. I transferred to ISD in February of 1998 and I am scheduled to attend the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in July of this year.

ISD alum in the news

found in DEAFDIGEST

THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN the April 19, 1998, issue of DEAFDIGEST that mentioned that Darrin Green is applying for a job as head cross country coach at Burbank High School in California. If hired, it says, he plans to hire an interpreter to serve as the assistant coach. We are assuming that this is the same Darrin Green (ISD Class of '90) who ran cross country for our own team. Does anyone know how he made out?

Thank you, sponsors!

from DeNada Smith

A WORLD OF THANKS TO ALL who sponsored me in the Susan Komen "Race for the Cure" Walk-a-Thon. I want to let each one of you know how much I truly appreciate your support. Being a survivor, it means a lot to know that each of you cared. Again, A Big THANK YOU! ISD has the greatest people!

Staff Development Briefs

by Mary Alice Moon

If you would like more information on any of the following workshops you may contact the Staff Development Office, which is located in Building 6 in Room 223. We are proud to announce that we finally have an operational Voice/TTY answering machine. Our phone number is ext. 414. There is also additional information on the bulletin board outside the office.

Title: How to Supervise People
Offered by: Fred Pryor
Skills: To enable you to achieve peak performance in motivating, managing and taking charge of projects and people.
Date: July 16, 1998
Cost: $99
Location: Holiday Inn I-70 East

Title: Natural Environments: Linking to the Community (Teleconference)
Offered by: Indiana's Unified Training System
Skills: Will highlight changes in Part H/C of IDEA that requires services for infants and toddlers
Date: May 21 — Deadline for registration is May 14, 1998
Cost: $15
Location: To be announced when you send in your registration

Title: Presentation Skills
Offered by: State Training
Skills: Learn how to address a group with confidence and authority
Date: May 11
Cost: $50
Location: State Training

Title: Myers-Briggs Type Indicator
Offered by: State Training
Skills: Learn about your own personality type and how you can work more effectively when you understand other personality types
Date: May 18
Cost: $25
Location: State Training

Title: Conflict Management
Offered by: State Training
Skills: Learn both conflict avoidance as well as conflict resolution
Date: May 21
Cost: $50
Location: State Training Center

Title: First Things First
Offered by: SkillPath Seminars
Skills: Learn to define what is truly important to you, accomplish worthwhile goals and lead a balanced life
Date: July 13, 1998
Cost: $195
Location: Embassy Suites

Title: How to Become a Great Communicator
Offered by: Fred Pryor
Skills: Learn to dramatically Improve your ability to build winning relationships with every one, every day
Date: July 1
Cost: $89
Location: Best Western, Waterfront Plaza Hotel

Title: Conflict Resolution and Confrontation Skills
Offered by: CareerTrack
Skills: How to "confront" people in a way that minimizes defensiveness and hostility
Date: June 1
Cost: $99
Location: Best Western, Waterfront Plaza Hotel